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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING

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1. U.S. CUSTOMS APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF EMBASSY IN ARRANGING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AS OUTLINED REFTTEL.
2. WE FEEL THAT USEFUL AND POSITIVE RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED FROM VISIT OF COLE AND MORSE TO DAMASCUS TO BRIEF EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE OFFERED BY U.S. CUSTOMS UNDER CCINC SPONSORSHIP. IN ADDITION THE DIRECTOR OF SYRIAN CUSTOMS CAN BE BRIEFED AND DEFINITIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN U.S. TRAINING.

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3. IF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, COLE AND MORSE

WOULD LIKE TO VISIT DAMASCUS ON FEB. 19 AND 20. WILL ARRIVE DAMASCUS ON PAA 110 FEB 18 AT 1740 HOURS FROM ROME. REQUEST EMBASSY TO RESERVE TWO SINGLE HOTEL ROOMS FOR DURATION OF STAY. WILL DEPART DAMASCUS ON FEB. 21 ON PK 717 AT 0550 HOURS. PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF HOTEL AND TIME AND DATES OF APPOINTMENTS.

4. PLEASE REPLY TO BCOLE, US CUSTOMS, INTERNATIONAL OPS DIV
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